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CHARLES P. KANE.

1850--1918.

Judge Charles P. Kane, prominent Mason of Springfield and former judge of the Sangamon County court, died Jan. 13, at St. John's hospital at 12.30 o'clock of pneumonia following a short illness. He was 67 years old.

Charles P. Kane was born in Springfield, Ill., Dec. 15, 1850. He was the son of Andrew J. and Caroline Beers Kane, his father being a native of Guilford county, N. C., and a minister of the Christian church, being ordained in 1842, and dying in 1896 at the age of 80 years. His mother was the daughter of Philo Beers, who built at Fifth and Madison streets the first brick house constructed in Springfield. Her grandfather, Zachariah Beers, was an orderly sergeant in the Connecticut militia in the Revolutionary war, entering at the age of 16 years. Her father, Philo Beers, served in the war of 1812 with England in the New York militia, and was a member of the Illinois general assembly which met in 1824 in Vandalia, then the capital of Illinois.

Charles P. Kane attended school in Springfield and completed the high school course, and after leaving school entered the law office of Hay, Greene & Littler as a law student. The firm was composed of Milton Hay, Judge Henry S. Greene, and David T. Littler, once state senator from this district. He was admitted to the bar at the age of 20 years, and at once opened a law office here. He served for three years as city attorney. In 1884 he was elected judge of the county court, serving until 1888. Upon retiring from the bench he resumed the practice of law, in which he was engaged at the time of his death. He served for two years on the county board of supervisors, and for five years was a member of the board of education of Springfield, in which position he rendered valuable service to the public schools of the city.

Judge Kane was a member of the Republican party, and cast his first vote for General U. S. Grant in 1872, when the latter defeated Horace Greeley, editor of the New York Tribune and candidate of the Democratic and liberal Republican parties. In 1892 he was the Republican candidate for congress in this district, being defeated by Congressman William M. Springer of this city.

Judge Kane was one of the organizers of the Illinois National bank of Springfield and was for a time one of its directors. He was a member of the Springfield Commercial association, of the Illini Country club, and of Springfield Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

MEMBER OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

He was a member of the Illinois Historical society, and contributed a number of historical papers to its records, and was the author of the article on "Early Settlement of Sangamon County," "The Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Sangamon County," published in 1912, of which the late Paul Selby, former editor of the Illinois State Journal of this city, and Newton Bateman were the editors.

Judge Kane was one of the most prominent Masons in Springfield. He was a member of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 500; Springfield Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; Springfield Council No. 2, Royal and Select Masters; Elwood Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, and Springfield Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, and held the highest offices in the blue lodge, chapter, council and commandery. He also served in all the progressive offices of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, Knights Templar, ending with that of Grand Commander.

Judge Kane was married Nov. 2, 1881, in this city to Miss Flora Brittin of Springfield. He is survived by his widow; one son, Lieutenant Philo Beers Kane, now serving in the army of the United States, and two daughters, Caroline M., wife of C. Hubert Streiff, a clerk in the First National bank, and Flora Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Oscar L. Zelle, a prominent physician of this city. He also leaves two brothers, Newell Kane of Palestine, Tex., and Henry B. Kane of Moberly, Mo., and three sisters, Nettie E. Tully of New York, and the Misses Julia and Isabelle Kane, 820 South Second Street.